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1. On 26 July 1953, the Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia.
2. On 26 July, the Ulmen Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, motor transport and tank insignia; and black-bordered crimson epaulets; and by naval personnel.
3. At about 6 p.m. on 29 July, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded on 8 boxcars; and 7 x 300-mm rocket launchers, 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers, and were loaded on 45 flatcars with sideracks at the Nordbahnhof in Rathenow. The materiel had come from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. 2
4. At about 5:30 p.m. on 18 July, a train without engine and carrying 4 trucks, 4 x 37-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed on a sidetrack of the Fuerstenberg railroad station. 3
5. At 10 a.m. on 2 August, 2 amphibious vehicles, 1 crane truck, and about 20 pontoons were detained at the Neuruppin railroad station and hauled toward Gentzrode by trucks.
6. On 13 July, a train of 3 boxcars occupied by troops and carrying 4 canvas-covered 76-mm AA guns and 4 or 5 trucks was unloaded in Velten. 5 At about 11 p.m. on 27 July, a train carrying 2 medium AA guns, and 3 motor vehicles and including an undetermined

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number of boxcars occupied by troops was seen at the Velten railroad station. The train was no longer observed at 1 p.m. on 28 July. ⁵ On 28 July, 25X1 a shipment of about 5 flatcars carrying material including a 37-mm AA gun passed through Velten, proceeding toward north. ⁶ At about 8 p.m. on 28 July, a column of 4 trucks occupied by a total of about 30 troops ⁷ was seen en route on the Velten-Germendorf road. On 2 August, the Oranienburg airfield was vacant. Workers seen engaged in construction work.

7. From 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on 31 July, 6 boxcarloads of troops, 5 tanks, 12 to 14 trucks, 1 jeep, 1 field kitchen and 15 tank trucks were entrained at the Oranienburg freight station. ⁸

8. On 22 July, a shipment of 34 trucks, ⁹ and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, was observed in Wilmstedt. ⁸

9. At about 3:20 a.m. on 28 July, a train of 3 converted boxcars occupied by troops; 1 boxcar loaded with material; and 14 RO and/or RAY-type flatcars carrying 10 prime movers, including 5 towing gun barrel trailers and 5 towing gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers; ¹⁰ and 4 trucks, ¹¹

was detained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The train had arrived from the direction of Altengrabow under shipment-record ⁹

1. ¹² Comment. On 26 July, the bulk of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig carried in Rostock, apparently was in the two installations mentioned. Another source observed soldiers wearing tank insignia in the Ulmer Kaserne as early as 1 June 1952. However, no tanks have been observed there since the spring of 1953. A new source, on 12 February 1953, observed tanks, SF guns and armored scout cars in the Fuhlitz Kaserne. As these observations could not be confirmed by information obtained by other sources, they were **incorrect** or the tank units observed were in this installation only temporarily, possibly in connection with exercises in the Rostock area.

2. ¹³ Comment. The train which carried elements of the 25th RI Brig and probably went to Altengrabow was observed by another source during the loading.

3. ¹⁴ Comment. The train carried elements of the 121st AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which returned to Neustrelitz from Jueterbog.

4. ¹⁵ Comment. Source probably observed the train ¹⁶ which carried elements of the 205th Engr Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div who, upon completion of the exercises in the Jerichow area, returned to Neuruppin. ¹⁷

5. ¹⁸ Comment. The loading and unloading involved elements of the 31st AAA Div. On 18 July, train ¹⁹ arrived in Velten, coming ²⁰ from Wustrow; on 27 July, source observed one of the two trains ²¹ went to Jueterbog. ²²

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- 25X1 6. [] Comment. This AAA shipment presumably has not been indicated in reports on transportation so far.
- 25X1 7. [] Comment. [] a tank shipment arrived at Oradientburg from Moldavskaya [] on 31 July. Source, therefore, may have been mistaken and possibly took the unloading of the shipment for the loading.
- 25X1 8. [] Comment. [] the motor vehicle [] would exclusively belong to series of the Third Shock Army. [] the trains [] were dispatched from Uoljarsk to the Baltic district and to Jueterbog respectively on 20 July. No credible indications are available for a transfer to this area of units of the Third Shock Army.
- 25X1 9. [] Comment. The unloading of this battery of the 124th Hv How Art. [] was previously reported []

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